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SUBJECT: U.S.-HUNGARIAN TRADE AGREEMENT

1. TRADE AGREEMENT (ARTICLE III.9) PROVIDES THAT "... EACH PARTY WILL DESIGNATE APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATIONS WITHIN ITS GOVERNMENT TO WHICH FIRMS, ENTERPRISES AND COMPANIES OF THE OTHER PARTY WILL HAVE READY ACCESS IN ORDER TO PRESENT BUSINESS FACILITATION PROBLEMS IN CASES WHERE ALL NORMAL CHANNELS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED."
 2. NEITHER SIDE HAS YET FOLLOWED UP ON THIS PROVISION BY DESIGNATING AN "APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION." WE HAVE RECENTLY HAD SEVERAL COMMERCIAL COMPLAINTS AND OTHER BUSINESS FRUSTRATIONS WHICH COULD USEFULLY HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO A DESIGNATED HUNGARIAN OFFICE. WHILE IN PRACTICE WE USE THE AMERICAN DESK OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE, EMBASSY POSITION IN REQUESTING GOH ASSISTANCE WOULD BE STRENGTHENED IF THIS (OR SOME OTHER) OFFICE WERE FORMALLY NAMED BY THE GOH TO HANDLE TRADE PROBLEMS.
 3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT WE BE INSTRUCTED TO PREPARE A DIPLOMATIC NOTE DESIGNATING AN AMERICAN "APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION," AND REQUESTING THAT THE GOH RECIPROCATATE.
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